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REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted to submit claims based on the two embodiments in the invention and to remove claims containing some inaccuracies.

For this purpose, claims 7 to 13 were cancelled, claims 1, 16 to 17 and 21 were amended, claim 28 was cancelled.


The claims now in this application are 1 to 6, 14 to 27, and 29 to 38.

As indicated in the Interview Summary record of May 1, 2001, the main purpose is to claim the invention of species A, as disclosed in column 3, lines 8 to 16. Species A is directed to the feature that the stone is free from grooves or recesses.

Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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